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Biography

The student I will be working with is Jesus and he is in third grade. He is 8 years old and his birthday is on October 19th. There are 6 members in his family: dad, mom, two older sisters, one younger brother and himself. His oldest sister is in college and is studying to be a scientist. I could tell that he was so proud of his sister by the way he said it. He wants to be a policeman so he can help people. His dad is the only member that works in the family. I asked him what his dad’s profession was but he said he did not know. His mom does not know English very well, but his dad does. They all talk in Spanish with the parents and English among the siblings. Because his mom does not know English, his dad checks his homework every day. When he corrects his homework, then he gets to go outside.

Jesus says he lives near the school and he has a big backyard. He said he loves animals and he would like to have a shark for a pet. He has a parrot at home, hamsters, and three dogs. I asked him what were his chores in the household and he said he cleans his room and he has a garden in the backyard where his job is to plant seeds. He also shares his bedroom with his little brother. He has a tv in his room where he watches some shows like Adventure Time and Regular Show on the Disney Channel.

I asked him what he liked to do for fun and he said he loves to hang around with his friends, draw, and dance. His favorite colors are red and black. His favorite book is the Diary of the Wimpy Kid collection. I told him how I had read the first book and he was impressed that an older person like me would read the book. He said I had made a good choice in my book reading. I shared with him some of the characters and stories in the book that I remembered and he was telling me a little bit more about the characters since he has read more of the books.

His favorite subjects are math and science. He says he is not very good at reading, but from my assessments I would say he does a good job at reading. He says that when he comes to a word that he does not know that he can almost figure it out by himself. He does not own many books at home but he does check out books from the school library. He enjoys reading comic books, sports, fantasy, mystery, horror, humor, non-fiction, and poetry. I was surprised he mentioned poetry but maybe we can do a poetry lesson.

I enjoy getting to know Jesus and am very excited in being able to work with him for the next few weeks.